UCI is ranked among the top universities in the world. We are renowned for our emphasis on research and believe in nurturing the innate and varied talents of students who are infinitely curious, think courageously, and see things differently. Exceptional academics and an exciting campus life make UCI a #1 choice to study and have fun.
Facts & Rankings

#7 AMONG THE NATION’S BEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
U.S. News & World Report

#1 FOR ALL UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS AMONG IN-STATE FRESHMEN APPLYING TO UC
Fall 2019

#2 FOR IN-STATE TRANSFER APPLICATIONS AMONG ALL UC CAMPUSES
Fall 2019

#1 BEST VALUE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY
Forbes

#1 COOL SCHOOL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
Sierra magazine

#1 CHOICE FOR CHICANO/LATINO IN-STATE FRESHMEN APPLYING TO UC
Fall 2019

#1 UNIVERSITY DOING THE MOST FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM
The New York Times

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO 18:1

THREE NOBEL PRIZES TWO IN CHEMISTRY ONE IN PHYSICS

#1 FOR IN-STATE FRESHMAN APPLICATIONS AMONG ALL UC CAMPUSES
Fall 2019

#3 BEST COLLEGE
Money magazine

ENROLLMENT (FALL 2018)
UNDERGRADUATES: 29,736
GRADUATES: 7,006
TOTAL: 36,742

admissions.uci.edu/rankings
Greetings!

Your decision to learn more about UCI demonstrates you are ambitious, talented, and interested in pursuing an education that will reap a lifetime of incredible benefits!

UCI is a magnificent and unique place to nurture your dreams and aspirations. While we are a large, dynamic university, the campus culture is that of a nurturing, caring environment. This ‘small college feel’ is an aspect of our legacy in which we take great pride. UCI students are privileged with a vibrant campus life, interaction with world-class faculty, extensive resources, encouragement to study abroad and much more. Everything we do reflects our commitment to excellence and supports the achievement of students’ education and life-preparation goals.

In addition to being passionate about learning, UCI students enjoy life to the fullest. Award-winning housing communities, 600+ student organizations, club sports, and myriad activities and events make it easy for friendships to quickly form and grow. Located in Irvine, CA, one of the safest big cities in the nation, our campus is five miles from beautiful Pacific Ocean beaches, an hour’s drive from Los Angeles and San Diego, and close to mountain and desert resorts.

Know that there is a cultural richness to this campus that you need to experience. You will discover our campus fosters an environment in which your cultural identity is valued and supported. There is a strong, proud Latinx community at UCI. We seek to extend the legacy of diversity excellence we were blessed to be touched by as UCI students.

Come discover UCI – and you too can know the promise that a UCI education offers. We welcome you!

Sincerely,

Bianca R. Leon  
Associate Director, Transfer Outreach

Ronald P. Whitenhill  
Associate Director, High School Outreach
Barbara, Alumna, Class of 2019, Computer Engineering

Back in 2014, I made the decision to attend UC Irvine to pursue a degree in Computer Engineering. I made that decision solely based on facts and information that was available online because none of my family members had experience working with the higher education system in the U.S. Although it was a bit intimidating to step out of my comfort zone and move out from home, enrolling at UCI was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. I’ve met some of the most important people in my life here, and their support has been vital in helping me turn into the hardworking and independent woman I am today.

During my five years at UCI, I’ve had the opportunity to join a variety of organizations like Engineering Student Council, as well as Campus Representatives. I also joined an Unmanned Air Vehicle Club which eventually helped me get a position in a lab as a Student Researcher. Having the opportunity to participate in so many activities outside of the classroom allowed me to get a better sense of what it is that I want to do with my degree.

I recently decided to stay at UCI for five more years to pursue a Ph.D. in Computer Science to increase the representation of women and Latinxs in STEM. UCI helped to open my mind to endless possibilities, and I can’t wait to see what more it has to offer!
Mayte, Class of 2021, Criminology, Law and Society

Being a first-generation student from a low-income family, college was new to me as well as my family. I didn’t know what to expect from UCI my first year, but I found a sense of community in my residence hall and in the organizations and programs I became involved with. The dorming experience at UCI allowed me to connect with students from diverse backgrounds and also gave me the “home away from home” feeling.

Coming into UCI I was an undeclared student, which was challenging, but by being able to explore different courses and programs I found my interest is in Criminology, a field I hadn’t imagined going into. UCI offers so many majors, minors, and programs, that students should explore options, even those that initially might seem outside of your range of interests.

Being away from home has allowed me to grow and become independent. UCI has given me a greater sense of community in that I have had to branch out of my shell and interact with people who are culturally different from me. My favorite part about being here at UCI has to do with the conversations students have with one another which, to me, is a celebration of the diversity that exists on this campus.
Undergraduate Majors

**Arts**
- Art
- Dance
- Drama
- Music

**Medicine/Healthcare/Biology**
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biological Sciences
- Biology/Education
- Developmental and Cell Biology
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Exercise Sciences
- Genetics
- Human Biology
- Microbiology and Immunology
- Neurobiology
- Nursing Science
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Public Health Policy
- Public Health Sciences

**Business**
- Business Administration
- Business Economics
- Business Information Management
- Economics
- Quantitative Economics

**Education**
- Biology/Education
- Education Sciences

**Engineering**
- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering: Premedical
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

**Information & Computer Sciences**
- Business Information Management
- Computer Game Science
- Computer Science
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Data Science
- Informatics
- Software Engineering

**Math & Physical Sciences**
- Applied Physics
- Chemistry
- Earth System Science
- Environmental Science and Policy
- Mathematics
- Physics

**Social Ecology/Social Sciences**
- Anthropology
- Chicano/Latino Studies
- Cognitive Sciences
- Criminology, Law and Society
- Environmental Science and Policy
- International Studies
- Language Science
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Psychological Science
- Social Ecology
- Social Policy and Public Service
- Sociology
- Urban Studies

**Language/Culture**
- African American Studies
- Asian American Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Classics
- East Asian Cultures
- English
- European Studies
- French
- German Studies
- Global Cultures
- Global Middle East Studies
- Japanese Language and Literature
- Korean Literature and Culture
- Spanish

**Liberal Arts/Humanities**
- Art History
- Comparative Literature
- Film and Media Studies
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- History
- Literary Journalism
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
Chicano/Latino Studies
School of Social Sciences

At UCI, Chicano/Latino Studies is an interdisciplinary department organized to provide undergraduate and graduate students with an opportunity to examine the historical and contemporary experiences of Americans of Latino origin or ancestry. This diverse population includes people who trace their heritage to Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and other Latin American and Caribbean nations.

The curriculum is designed to provide an awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the language, history, culture, literature, sociology, anthropology, politics, social ecology, health, medicine and creative (art, dance, drama, film, music) accomplishments of Chicano/Latino communities. The Department of Chicano/Latino Studies offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chicano/Latino Studies, an undergraduate minor, and a graduate emphasis.

[Website link]

Vicki Ruiz, distinguished professor of history and Chicano/Latino studies and National Humanities Medal recipient.
Student Life
Latinx Campus Organizations

- Ballet Folklórico de UCI
- Brown Bag Theatre Company
- Central Americans for Empowerment at UC Irvine
- Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine
- Chican@/Latin@ Staff Association
- Hermanas Unidas de UCI
- Hermanos Unidos de UCI
- Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated
- Latin American Student Organization
- Latino Business Student Association
- Latino Medical Student Association
- Latinx Law Student Association
- Latinx Student Psychological Association
- MAES: Latinos in Science and Engineering
- Mesa Unida
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán
- Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity, Incorporated
- Phi Lambda Rho Sorority, Incorporated
- SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science)
- Salseros at UCI
- Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Incorporated
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers at UCI
- Students Advocating for Immigrant Rights and Equity
Activities & Events

Included among the many campus activities and events that have been held during the year are:

**FALL QUARTER**
- Chicano/Latino Studies Open House
- La Bienvenida BBQ/Mixer
- Dia de Los Muertos
- AIDS Walk
- Community Roots Festival
- Annual Pre-Health Conference

**WINTER QUARTER**
- Yearly Psychology Keynote Speaker
- Professional Development Conference
- Culture Shock - Stroll/Step Show
- La Posada Winter Celebration
- Musica, Cultura, Ritmo: Edición Banda
- Noche de Roscas
- Noche de Cultura

**SPRING QUARTER**
- Chicano/Latino Studies Reception for Newly Admitted Students
- Dia de la Familia
- Science Extravaganza
- Relay for Life
- Mes de la Raza
- Semana de la Mujer
- Latino Spring Play
- Greek Unity Beach Clean Up
- Raza Day - Freshmen Welcome
- Nuestra Graduation
- Reunion de Arte at Casa César Chávez
- La Despedida
- Latino Excellence and Achievement Dinner
An NCAA Division I school, UCI’s athletic program features 18 sports: men’s baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and water polo; and women’s basketball, cross country, golf, indoor track & field, soccer, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and water polo. UCI has won 28 team national championships and 64 individual national championships.

admissions.uci.edu/athletics
Stay active, join a team, try something new, and have fun meeting other students on campus. UCI students can take advantage of dozens of club and intramural sports and the countless programs and activities that are available in the Anteater Recreation Center (ARC), a 110,000 square foot indoor facility with a 25-acre outdoor complex. From rock climbing to dance to sailing, UCI offers something for everyone.

[.url: admissions.uci.edu/campusrec]
Housing

CASA CÉSAR CHÁVEZ

Casa César Chávez is an academic theme house sponsored by the Department of Chicano/Latino Studies that provides its residents with a variety of educational, social and cultural activities. Residents are expected to participate in house events and engage in quarterly community service projects. Residency in the house is not restricted to majors or minors in Chicano/Latino Studies.

More than 14,000 students live on campus each year to take advantage of award-winning facilities, convenience, and lots of Anteater spirit. Housing options include residence halls, on-campus apartments, theme houses and family housing. Eligible freshman and transfer students are guaranteed two years of on-campus housing. admissions.uci.edu/housing
UCI takes pride in the wide variety of excellent programs, activities, and centers available to assist students with just about any academic, personal, social, or career interest. The Cross-Cultural Center, Career Center, Student Outreach and Retention Center, LGBT Resource Center, Disability Services Center, Veteran Services Center and many others help students succeed at the university and provide a home away from home. [admissions.uci.edu/studentservices](http://admissions.uci.edu/studentservices)

**Student Services**

Infectious school spirit. A visually breathtaking campus. Originality and opportunity. These are some of the things students say they saw and felt during their first campus visit.

Campus Tours

Come see UCI for yourself by attending a campus tour, held Monday through Friday at noon. Can’t make it in-person? Take an interactive virtual tour online with 360° views of throughout campus. [admissions.uci.edu/tour](http://admissions.uci.edu/tour)
Nestled in the rolling coastal foothills of Orange County and five miles from pristine Pacific Ocean beaches, UCI’s campus benefits from a perfect Mediterranean climate. The incomparable location offers easy access to surfing and sailing, hundreds of miles of bike and hiking trails, desert camping, and mountain resorts for snowboarding and skiing. Close to both Los Angeles and San Diego, the city of Irvine—consistently ranked among the safest in the nation—is a major technology and business hub with highly educated and diverse residents.

admissions.uci.edu/socal
The California Dream Act

The California Dream Act – AB 130 and AB 131 – extends eligibility for certain types of institutional and state aid to students who are undocumented, hold U visas, are TPS recipients, and who qualify for benefits under another California law – AB 540 – which exempts students from paying nonresident supplemental tuition*. Students in the U.S. on a nonimmigrant visa (e.g. F, J, etc.) are not eligible to apply.

Are you an AB 540 student?
• You must have attended high school in California for three years or more.
• You must have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the term (for example, passing the GED or California High School Proficiency exam) or, if you have less than 3 years of CA high school attendance but you attended a combination of CA schooling (K-12, Adult School, and/or Community College) that meets SB68 requirements.
• If you are without lawful immigration status, you must file an affidavit stating that you have filed an application to legalize your immigration status, or will file an application, as soon as you are eligible to do so.

* Certain students with U visas do not have to file the Affidavit but must submit a CA Dream Act application to receive aid. For details contact regres@uci.edu.

What do eligible students need to do?
• Fill out and submit the California Dream Act Application through the California Student Aid Commission. Go to dream.csac.ca.gov.
• After you are admitted to a UC campus where you intend to enroll, submit your Statement of Legal Residence (SLR). Based on your SLR, if you are classified as a nonresident, you need to submit a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form OR a UC AB540 Nonresident Supplemental Tuition Exemption Application and Affidavit available through your campus registrar’s office. You may be asked to provide official high school transcripts and proof of high school graduation.

Additional Information
• California students who have applied for or received approval for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) should complete the CA Dream Act, NOT FAFSA.
• Students with DACA need to submit a Non-SSN GPA.
• Males 18 to 25 must register with the Selective Service in order to receive the Cal Grant and other state aid.

New Financial Aid Options
• SB 1210 is a California law known as the DREAM Loan Program, which is administered by UC and CSU campuses.

Resources
UCI DREAMers dreamers.uci.edu
UCI DREAM Center, Oscar Teran, Director terano@uci.edu, 949-824-8225
UC AB540 Nonresident Supplemental Tuition Exemption Application and Affidavit reg.uci.edu/residency/downloads/tuitionexemptionapplic.pdf
Declaring Residency
UCI Residence Officer regres@uci.edu

California Dream Act
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/whats-available/ca-dream-act/

Questions About Financial Aid
Jasmin Garcia, Financial Aid Counselor jasmig3@uci.edu
Students demonstrating the need for financial assistance may be eligible for scholarships, grants, loans, and/or work-study. Scholarships can also be awarded on the basis of academic excellence. Please visit UCI’s Financial Aid and Scholarships website for detailed information about meeting the cost of your education. [www.ofas.uci.edu](http://www.ofas.uci.edu)

**Applying for Scholarships**
When you apply for admission to UCI, you are also applying for scholarships. You can be eligible automatically for certain scholarships because decisions are based on information provided in your UC Application. However, other scholarship opportunities may require you submit additional documentation. [admissions.uci.edu/scholarships](http://admissions.uci.edu/scholarships)

**Blue + Gold Opportunity Plan**
UC's Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan will ensure that you will not have to pay UC’s systemwide tuition and fees out of your own pocket if you are a California resident whose total family income is less than $80,000 a year and you qualify for financial aid – and that’s just for starters. Blue and Gold students with sufficient financial need can qualify for even more grant aid to help reduce the cost of attending. [universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold)

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
To obtain financial aid you must file a FAFSA application. FAFSA is a free application to determine new and continuing students’ eligibility for financial assistance.

Visit the FAFSA website for deadlines and details. The UCI School Code is 001314 – you will need this code for the FAFSA application. [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)

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**Estimated Budget for Undergraduate Students 2019-2020 (As of June 2019)**

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* Living expenses includes books and supplies, room and board, personal, and transportation; may vary per individual student.
** Vista del Campo, Vista del Campo Norte, Camino del Sol and Puerta del Sol housing are treated as on campus.

Estimated costs and fees are subject to change. For the most current information, visit [www.ofas.uci.edu](http://www.ofas.uci.edu) and reg.uci.edu/fees.
Eligibility Requirements

FRESHMAN BASICS
A-G Course Requirements
- History (2 years required)
- English (4 years required)
- Mathematics (3 years required, 4 years recommended)
- Laboratory Science (2 years required, 3 years recommended)
- Language Other Than English (2 years required, 3 years recommended)
- Visual and Performing Arts (1 year required)
- College Preparatory Elective (1 year required)

The A-G Policy Resource Guide provides additional information regarding “a-g” requirements and UC eligibility. California high school students can view their school’s UC certified course list, which includes courses that will be considered for honors. Visit hs-articulation.ucop.edu/guide.

GPA Requirement
A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for California residents and a minimum 3.4 GPA is required for nonresidents.

Exam Requirements
- The SAT with Essay or the ACT with Writing

TRANSFER BASICS
Unit and Course Requirements
- All 60 semester or 90 quarter UC transferable units must be completed by the spring term for fall admission
- Complete the following seven transferable college courses (with a grade of C or better in each course):
  - Two UC transferable courses in English composition
  - One UC transferable course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
  - Four UC transferable courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, or physical and biological sciences

GPA Requirement
A minimum 2.4 GPA is required for California residents and a minimum 2.8 GPA is required for nonresidents. All majors at UCI are selective and applicants are encouraged to earn the highest possible GPA.

TRANSFER RESOURCES
- admissions.uci.edu/transfer
- admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
- assist.org
- admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/whats-available/ca-dream-act
- uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG)
UCI’s TAG program guarantees admission to highly qualified students from all California Community Colleges. Admission to most majors at UCI can be guaranteed through TAG for transfer students who meet the eligibility requirements, and complete both the online TAG application and UC Application. See details and deadlines at admissions.uci.edu/transfer.
Submit your completed application online at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu for fall admission during the November 1-30 filing period along with the application fee of $70 ($80 if you are an international applicant). To see if you are eligible to waive the application fee, apply for a fee waiver online through the UC Application.

Students who want to get a head start on preparing their application prior to the November filing period can access the application as early as August 1 at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu. You will need to designate a major on your application. If you have not decided on a major, freshman applicants can apply as an undeclared major. Transfer applicants are required to declare a major.

**Personal Insight Questions**
Your personal insight questions should be exactly that – personal. This is your opportunity to tell us about yourself, what matters to you, your hopes, ambitions, life experiences, and inspirations.

Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.

**FRESHMAN**
Freshman applicants will choose four out of the following eight questions to answer:

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.

2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.

7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

**TRANSFER**
Transfer applicants must answer one required question and also three out of seven additional questions:

**Required Question**
Please describe how you have prepared for your intended major, including your readiness to succeed in your upper-division courses once you enroll at the university.
Choose to answer any three of the following seven questions:

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

6. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

7. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

**FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER APPLICANTS**

To obtain writing tips and techniques, and utilize the Personal Insight Questions Guide, review the ‘How to Apply’ section at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu.

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**Key Dates & Deadlines**

**FRESHMAN APPLICANTS**

**August 1**
- UC Application opens at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu for fall admission and scholarships

**November 1-30**
- UC Application filing period for fall admission and scholarships
- Application must be filed no later than November 30. Apply online at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu.

**December**
- Last opportunity for applicants to take the SAT with Essay or ACT with Writing

**March 1-31**
- UCI notifies freshman applicants of their admission status

**TRANSFER APPLICANTS**

**August 1**
- UC Application opens at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu for fall admission and scholarships

**September 1-30**
- TAG application submission period for fall admission
- Apply online at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

**November 1-30**
- UC Application filing period for fall admission and scholarships
- Application must be filed no later than November 30. Apply online at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu.

**April 1-30**
- UCI notifies transfer applicants of their admission status
Become an Anteater

Have questions about the admissions process, your personal insight questions, how to apply for financial aid, or what life on campus is like? Please get in touch with us!

Freshman Contact
Krandalyn Goodman (Class of 2015)
Admissions Counselor - Diversity Initiatives
949-824-1086 • klgoodma@uci.edu

Transfer Contact
Tiana Otubuah (Class of 2004)
Assistant Director - Transfer Initiatives
tlynch@uci.edu

Send us your information at admissions.uci.edu/info

Contact us by email or phone.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
University of California, Irvine
Irvine, CA 92697

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST
Phone: 949-824-6703
Email: admissions@uci.edu

The cover art is a dual representation of El Sol, the sun, and the physical circular layout of the UCI campus. El Sol is popular imagery in Latino cultures and is used extensively in the arts and design. At the heart of the UCI campus is beautiful Aldrich Park which is surrounded by Ring Road, the academic schools, residential halls, recreational facilities, and student services. Central to UCI culture is our mascot, Peter the Anteater.